





## ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

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### **2024 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

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Through the launch of our new Survivors Benefit Fund, we provided over \$15,000 in support to suicide loss survivors in the immediate aftermath of their loss, helping families during their most difficult moments. Our partnerships with over 70 organizations have been instrumental in reaching diverse populations, distributing 367 lockboxes and safes, and fostering community-wide change. These collaborations ensure that our community is equipped with the resources, education, and tools needed to support mental wellness and prevent suicide at every level.

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"It's hard to believe that we are over two years beyond the start of the Covid 19 Pandemic. While those last several years brought many challenges, I am filled with a renewed sense of optimism as we take a look back at our programs and successes over the last 12 months.

During that period, we served 11,214 Larimer County residents, more than doubling the number of people reached compared to 2019 and 2020. With our team reaching more people than ever in our 33 years, we do have a lot to celebrate. We see the impact of our efforts reflected in the nearly 12% reduction in suicides compared to 2019. We didn't accomplish this alone and that significant reduction in suicides is also a testament to the great work that all of our community partners and members contributed to. So, a big thank you to all of our community partners, staff, board, and you for helping to and succeeding at reducing suicide in Larimer County."

#### GRIEF SUPPORT (152 SURVIVORS SERVED)

- **99** survivors attended 24 Heartbeat support groups
- 62 participants reached during survivor events
- 400 Grief Booklets distributed

#### COLORADO NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE (CNC)

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#### (12% DECREASE SINCE INCEPTION)

- **400+** medication lock boxes and gun safes distributed.
- 2000+ hours of technical assistance to partners, supporting an upstream, public health approach to suicide
- 58 facilitated work groups to move the needle in suicide prevention

### SCOTT SMITH, MSW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### ADULT EDUCATION (4,420 TRAINED)

- **3,989** attended the Question, Persuade, Refer program
- 190 trained in Hope for Today
- 241 partners trained in offering support after a suicide loss

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH 771 PEOPLE SERVED

- 730 individuals attended the Trusted Adult/ABCs of LGBTQ+
- **90** middle and high schools offered GSA support
- **41** individuals provided with 1:1 peer support

#### YOUTH PROGRAMMING (5,231 YOUTH TRAINED)

- 5,231 students trained in REPLY across 24 schools
- 620 students referred to mental health professionals
- 94.3% of youth increased their help-seeking behavior
- **700** self-care kits/resources distributed to youth.

#### IMAGINE ZERO (640 CONNECTED)

- **340** participants at Connect with Intention Around Mental Health Summit
- **300+** youths participated in the Teen Self-Care Fair

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Alliance for Suicide Prevention receives a large portion of funding from Larimer County Behavioral Health Services and the Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention. Because that funding begins in the fall, we have adjusted our annual reports to capture the work accomplished by those specific projects (10/1/21- 9/30/22). We could not be more grateful for those partnerships and are happy to be leaders in the suicide prevention landscape.

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- 771 served in Peer Outreach
- · 152 survivors served in Grief Support Groups

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- Ouestion, Persuade, Refer attendee, Educator

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Grief Support: We host two support groups that provide safe spaces for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. We also organize the annual Remembrance Walk and Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.

### **TESTIMONIAL**

